(1)	(2)
Gujarat	50.00 to 73.00
Andhra Pradesh	46.00 to 62.15
Tamil Nadu	42.78 to 63.37
Karnataka	60.00 to 70.00
Kerala	50.00
Pondicherry	40.02 to 60.53
Nagaland	50.60
Goa	75.00

Guidelines for Exim Policy Clarifications

2116. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines for- sending time bound EXIM Policy clarifications by the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) sought by entrepreneurs or individuals in terms of Appendix IX of Handbook of Procedures, Volume I;

(b) if so, the detials thereof;

(c) whether it is mendatory for DGFT to seek advice of the administrative Ministry in all such cases, if, not, what types of cases are referred to the administrative Ministries and what action is taken if there is no response; and

(d) how many EXIM Policy clarification requests are pending with DGFT for more than three months and what action is taken in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) No time frame has been specified in the EXIM Policy for giving clarifications. All references seeking clarifications are promptly placed before the Special Licensing Committee, an Inter Ministerial Committee, which meets every fortnight and considers, inter-alia, these issues. Based on the decisions taken by the Committee, clarifications are issued. Sometime, an issue requires more detailed examination in which consultation with various technical authorities of Departments/Ministries are also necessary. Such cases take longer time to be finalised.

Ban on Export of Meat

2117. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of voluntary organisations in the country have a sought a ban on export of meat from the country;

(b) the quantam of export of meat during the last three years and the foreign exchange earned; and

(c) whether Government have made a comprehensive study of the benefits accruing from export of meat vis-a-vis on ban on its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of export of meat during the last three years (in quantity

and value) is given as under:—

	Quantity (In MTs)	Value (In Rs. Crores)
1992-93	89532	256.59
1993-94	112976	343.94
1994-95	127987	394.60

(Source: DGCI&S Calcutta)

(c) No, Sir.

International Labour Conference to be Held in 1998

2118. DR. GOPALRAO VJTHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Labour Conference is proposed to be held in 1998;

(b) if so, details thereof with background;

(c) whether the Conference is to be attended by Indian Delegation;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether elimination of child labour will be a major Agenda item;

(f) whether Union Government propose to present papers for some more items of Agenda besides elimination of child labour; and

(g) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (g) The International Labour Organisations' (ILO) annual International Labour Conference is normally held at Geneva in June. The dates of the International Labour Conference to be held in 1998 have not been decided as yet. The dates and agenda of the Conference are decided by the ILO Governing Body. At its November 1995 Session, the Governing Body had a preliminary discussion on the need for including a general discussion on Child Labour as an agenda item at the 1998 Conference. The final decision in this regard is likely to be taken at the March-April 1996 Session of the Governing Body. Besides two other standard setting items, namely Contract Labour and Job Creation in Small Medium-sized Enterprises are also expected to come up for second discussion in 1998.

It is too early to decide the composition of the Indian delegation for the International Labour Conference to be held in 1998. The decision will be taken in the Second Quarter of 1998. After an invitation for attending the Conference is received from the Director-General of ILO. Agenda documents for the Conference are prepared by the International Labour Office, and the Member States of ILO do not prepare agenda papersfor discussion at the Conference.

Rotten Foodgrains

2119. Dr. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of Foodgrains rendered unfit for human consumption during 1995 due to rotting of procured foodgrains through various forms of unscientific methods of storing; State-wise;

(b) the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the loss suffered by the Food Corporation of India on this account; and

(d) the steps taken to avoid such wastage in future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The Food Corporation of India has reported that the procured stocks of Food-grains are stored in scientifically designed goodowns (including cover and plinth). Though,